

REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-19 and 21 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-19 and 21 stand rejected.

Telephonic Examiner Interview

Examiner Ben C. Wang and the undersigned conducted a telephonic interview on July 29, 2009. Claim 1 was discussed. No agreement was reached.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

Claims 1-5, 7-12, 14-19 and 21 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Leach et al. (Pat. No. 6,412,020) in view of Gupta (“Building a Custom Project Wizard in Visual Studio .NET,” May 2003, Infosys Technologies Ltd.) and Dardinski et al. (Pat No. 6,754,885).

Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite, “the base project COM object implementing an application programming interface (API) that is called by the base software development project object to invoke configuration properties of the base project COM object;” and, “the flavor COM object implementing an API that is called by the base software development project object to invoke flavor-specific project configuration properties of the flavor object.” Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teaches nor suggests this amended language.

Applicants have further amended claim 1 to recite, “the configuration properties comprising ~~at least one of a configuration set, the configuration set comprising~~ an indication of a build of the project system, ~~an output file to be created, and an indication as to where the output file will be placed.~~” Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teaches nor suggests this amended language.

Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 is in condition for at least the above reasons, as are respective dependent claims 2-5, and 7.

Applicants have amended claims 8 and 15 to recite, “the base project COM object implementing an application programming interface (API) that is called by the base software development project object to invoke configuration properties of the base project COM object;” and, “the flavor COM object implementing an API that is called by the base software development project object to invoke flavor-specific project configuration properties of the flavor object.” Applicants respectfully submit that none of the cited references teaches nor suggests this amended language.

Claims 8 and 15 recite, “the configuration properties comprising at least one of a configuration set, the configuration set comprising an indication of a build of the project system, an output file to be created, and an indication as to where the output file will be placed.” The examiner states that this is taught by Gupta at pg. 3, lines 11-20. Applicants respectfully disagree. The examiner appears to be construing this claim language in the alternative, that is, in language equivalent to “at least one of A, B, or C,” and saying that the claimed “indication as to where the output file will be placed” reads on Gupta’s “OutputPath,” so the full excerpt under discussion reads on Gupta. Applicants respectfully disagree. The language reads, in part, “the configuration set comprising an indication of a build of the project system, an output file to be created, and an indication as to where the output file will be placed.” For a reference to teach or suggest the claimed configuration set, the reference must teach every member of the configuration set, as they are joined by “and.” Applicants respectfully submit that neither Gupta nor any of the other cited references teaches nor suggests every member of the claimed configuration set.

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As such, applicants respectfully submit that claims 8 and 15, as amended, are in condition for allowance, and that dependent claims 19-12, 14, 16-19, and 21 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that their respective independent claims are in condition for allowance.

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